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Applicant : Jayasenan Sundara Ganesh
Application No. : to be assigned
Filed : September 27, 2001
Title : CONTENT-BASED FORWARDING/FILTERING
IN A NETWORK SWITCHING DEVICE
Docket No. : 47377/JEC/X2/134312

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Commissioner:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows.

In the Specification:

On Page 1 before the "Technical Field" please insert the following:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of application No. 09/166,318, filed October 5, 1998, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference.

REMARKS

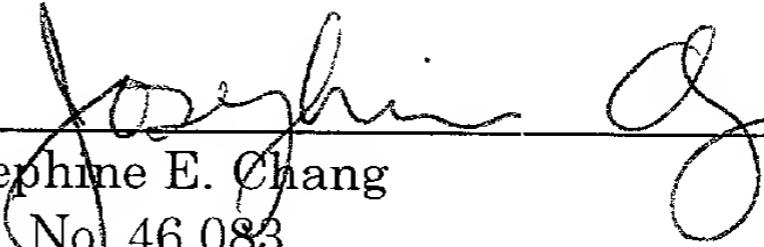
Claims 1-42 are pending in this application. By this preliminary amendment, Applicant has added the section of the specification entitled "Cross Reference to Related Applications" to claim priority of the parent application Ser. No. 09/166,318. In view of the above amendment and remarks that follow, Applicant respectfully requests a timely indication of allowance of claims 1-42.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

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